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CHRISTMAS AT THE BETHEL CHURCHES

The Christmas entertainments at the churches in Bethel were of a very high calibre and were greatly enjoyed by large audiences.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday evening program:

Processional
Song, Scripture, Prayers
Song, Bertha Lyons
Recitation, Rosalie Thurston
Song, Kathryn Brink
Recitation, Arthur Barker
Song, Paul Chapman
Recitation, Lucia Van
Song, Laurence Bartlett
Recitation, Ruth Bennett
Song, Barbara Heath
Recitation, Margaret Clough
Song, Mildred Bunting
Pageant, "Bethlehem"
Offering

PAGEANT—"BETHEHEM"

Cast

McLeavel Lady, Helen Carter
The Three Shepherds, Ashby Tibbets,
Arthur Barker, Manning Chapman
The Three Wise Men, Albert Brown,
Almar Stearns, Edward Poole
The Four Lepers, Herbert Rowe, The-
odore Eames, Harold Rollins, Maurice
Poole
Orchestral Women, Margaret Carter, Mil-
dred Heath, Kathryn Herrick, Bertha
Herrick, Kathryn Lyon, Barbara
Cross

Band of Herald Angels, Bettina Saw-
yer, Wilmer Wall, Marguerite Hall,
Kathryn Brink, Margaret Tibbets,
Harriet Rollins, Rosalind Rowe, Joyce
Chapman

Spirit of Christmas, Lola Gaudette

Quintette, Mrs. Achenbach, Mrs. Brink,
Mrs. Russell, Mr. Brink

Program, Monday evening, Dec. 24:

Song, Primary Classes

Recitation, Almar Chapman, Jr.

Recitation, Henry Hastings, Jr.

Recitation, Ernest Brown

Song, Kathryn Brink

Recitation, Frances Chapman

Recitation, Mary Tibbets

Recitation, Sherida Chapman

Song, Wilma and Marguerite Hall

Recitation, S. T. A. H.

Recitation, Sylvia Merrill

Recitation, Phillis Bartlett

Recitation, Margaret Tibbets

Song, Kathryn Lyon

Recitation, Robert Chapman

Recitation, Sally Chapman

Recitation, Norris Brown

Song, Barbara Heath

Recitation, Virginia Chapman

Recitation, Harriet Rollins

Recitation, Rosalind Rowe

Recitation, Mildred Bunting

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BRYANT-GOODNOW

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock occurred the wedding of two of Bethel's popular young people, when Myron C. Bryant and Doris J. Goodnow were united in marriage at the Universalist parsonage by Rev. Walter W. Wolfe. The single ring service was used.

Mrs. Bryant was a beautiful picture in a gown of blue tulle and crepe. Mr. Bryant wore a suit of blue.

Mrs. Bryant is the daughter of Mrs. H. S. Jodrey and has lived in Bethel for the past six years. She attended the public schools here and graduated from Gould's Academy in the class of 1920. She was very popular while in school, participating in the social and athletic activities of the school. She has been a very successful school teacher at the Northwest Bethel school during the fall term just closed.

Mr. Bryant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant and has always lived in town. He attended the public schools and Gould's Academy from which he graduated in 1920. During the winter of 1921 he attended Shaw's Business College. While attending Gould's he was a member of the basketball and baseball teams and is held in high esteem by all who know him. He has been employed in the store conducted by his father since graduation except for a short time during the winter of 1921 when he was away to school.

The young couple will make their home for the present with the groom's parents on Summer Street.

Their many friends extend to them best wishes for a happy and prosperous journey down the path of life.

FARWELL-ETHERIDGE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage Saturday evening when Miss Ruth Abbott Etheridge was united in marriage with Mr. Robert W. Farwell, by Rev. C. B. Oliver. The single ring service being used. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cummings of Hanover.

Mr. Farwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Farwell of Bethel. He is employed at a garage in Rumford.

Mrs. Farwell is the daughter of Mr. Fred Kres of Winthrop, Maine. She has been clerking in the Farwell store during the past summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Farwell have the best wishes of a host of friends to carry to their home in Rumford where they will reside.

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BETHEL MAN STABBED BY LODGER

Tuesday evening of last week a Finlander from Paris arrived in town and went to the boarding house on Main Street conducted by Charles Bean, where he secured his supper and night's lodging. After supper he went to his room and after a short time the other occupants of the house were startled by a loud noise. Mr. Bean with two of three of the boarders started up the stairs to investigate. When they reached the top they were greeted with squawks, which the Finlander had found in the attic. During the scuffle which followed Mr. Bean was stabbed in the right breast, the blade of the knife striking the breast bone.

The Finlander was finally overpowered and taken to the jail where he was locked up for the night. At the trial he was bound over to the February term of court. He was committed to Paris jail to await trial.

Mr. Bean was obliged to go to the hospital to have the knife blade removed. He is now making good recovery.

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CHAPMAN CONCERT

To Be Given in Bethel on Friday Afternoon, Jan. 11, 1924

The Chapman concert which is the real musical event of the season, is eagerly being looked forward to. We are sure that our community will be pleased with the change from April to January, as these concerts have been coming in Lent the last few years, which has prevented many of our citizens from attending the same. In fact if we remember correctly, his concerts were formally given in January.

The communities where the Festival Chorus are must realize that these concerts are a great help to them, not only from the financial end to help maintain their choruses but to keep up the enthusiasm of the Festival in their town during the long winter months. Each town and city should take great pride in supporting their local chorus, for a fine musical organization in a town speaks much for the culture and refinement of the same, and is most worthy of civic support.

As to the programme and artists, Mr. Chapman never brought us a poor one, and from the reports of those who heard this wonderful contralto, Miss Nadworney, at the Festival last fall, are most enthusiastic over her praises and it seems too good to be true that this fine artist is to visit our town. As to Mr. Robinson, his record as a violinist is next to a miracle. The fact that he is a young man competing with the world, and was the world's scholar, as picked by Leopold Auer, as the most talented pupil of any in the world to win the \$5000 prize, is enough to assure an entire concert by him. Now with Mr. Chapman at the piano it means that he will bring out the best from these artists, and a most or better afternoon of music is promised us.

Tickets will be at popular prices notwithstanding these superb artists, and a packed house should greet them in every town and city they visit. Don't forget the date which is Friday afternoon, January 11th, 1924.

SCHOOL NOTES

WEST BETHEL SCHOOL

There are about from school one-half day for the term in the grammar grades were: Marjorie Kessell, Josephine Lowell, Alton Linton, Alta Brooks, Mildred Bennett, Beulah Harris, Robert Mason, Clarence Rolfe, Ruby Bennett and Robert Jordan.

Lois Hotchkiss and Almon Jordan missed only one-half day during the fourteen weeks.

The average attendance for the term was 23 with a registration of 21 pupils.

CHRISTMAS TREE

On the evening of Dec. 2

RUMFORD POINT

George Cole and wife, L. M. Cole and wife went to Humber, Saturday, to visit their mother.

Al White has moved his family up to John Martin's farm for the winter.

L. M. Stevens and John Hodgman a town, Friday and bought two cows of Turner were in town Tuesday buying A. J. Marble.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hayes have gone to New York for the winter.

Ray Stearns and wife of No. Norway are visiting relatives in town.

John Hopkins writes from St. Petersburg that it is June weather there. We are not far behind.

J. C. Morrill of West Peru was in town, Friday and bought two cows of Turner were in town Tuesday buying A. J. Marble.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hayes have gone to New York for the winter.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Upton, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Upton aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of May, 1923, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at School House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. Tax Charges
Frank Bush, Harry Amy.	Island in Muddy Brook, the half Undivided Lot 2, Range 3, known as the Coffin Farm.	\$1.49 43.00 3.16 3.00

E. ABBOTT,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Upton.

December 17, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of June, 1923, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Grange Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. Tax Charges
Wm. P. M. Black & Son, Inc.	Barber Farm, Head of Tide, Lot 7, Range 10, 120 Acres, Land and Build- ings,	413.75 42.00
	Wild Land, Northeast of Farm, 320 Acres,	41.50 2.00
Walter H. Bond,	Homestead bought of Fred Taylor, 130 Acres, Land and Buildings, -	111.40 2.00
	One half of Bear House Lot, Lot 2, Range 2, 50 Acres,	14.90 2.00
John of Francis Wither,	Homestead, 109 Acres, Land and Build- ings,	31.50 2.00
	Wild Land, Lot 1, Range 14, 70 Acres,	53.75 2.00
	Wild Land, Lot 2, Range 14, 100 Acres,	53.75 2.00
	Wild Land, Lot 3, Range 14, 100 Acres,	53.75 2.00
	Wild Land, Lot 4, Range 14, 50 Acres,	53.75 2.00

SURAN E. WRIGHT,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

December 17, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Oilead, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Oilead aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 29th day of June, 1923, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. Tax Charges
J. V. Burdman,	Yarn in the town of Oilead, land bounded on the north by Town line, on east by land of W. C. Chapman and W. K. Chapman, on south by Androscoggin River, on west by land of A. J. Blake and W. K. Chapman, except 40 acres of the foregoing land sold to and owned by W. K. Chapman, No. of acres 324, in Range 11 and 12,	162.00 11.00

P. L. ORNDWAY,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Oilead.

December 17, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Mason, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Mason aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of June, 1923, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. Tax	Charges
Merrett Hodge,	Washam Farm and adjoining land,	411.63	43.00
Max Age Reed & Family,	Lot 2, Range 3, 50 Acres,	7.50	2.00

P. I. REEVES,

P. J. BEAN,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mason.

December 18, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of May, 1923, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at School House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. Tax Charges
Henry A. Chen	Land at West Bethel	2.00 2.00
A. E. Chen	4 W. Union Road	2.00 2.00

P. R. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

December 20, 1923.

ASKED AND ANSWERED

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is a big new feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send in your questions, and address them to U. S. Press Association, Continental Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Enclose two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include medical, legal, courtship and marital questions, or expect attention to matters requiring extensive research. Mention this paper when you write.

Q. Is William Jennings Bryan still in vigorous health and recognized as a leader in Washington?

Mr. Bryan's step seems as "springy" as ever. He is beginning to look something like a patriarch and when he was in Washington quite recently he wore a black cloth three-quarters length cape of rather fashionable design. It gives him quite as conspicuous and individual an appearance as he formerly possessed on account of his long hair, most of which has deserted him, and therefore calls for substitution by the cape. With few exceptions the Democratic leaders give very careful consideration to Mr. Bryan's suggestions, and while they frequently disagree with him because they regard him a somewhat of a radical, he nevertheless continues to be regarded as an oracle and a prophet. This is no doubt due to the fact that many of the reforms advocated by him in his earlier years have been adopted. Furthermore his integrity has never been questioned and his bitterest opponents hold him in high respect and esteem. Surely Bryan is almost as young as he used to be.

Q. What is the largest body of fresh water in the world?

Lake Superior. It is approximately 400 miles long and 180 miles wide; its circumference, including the windings of its various bays, has been estimated at 1,200 miles. Its area in square miles is 32,000, which is greater than New England, with Maine omitted from the calculation. The greatest depth is about 1,300 feet. It is 650 feet above sea level.

Q. Is there any silver in so-called German silver?

German silver is not silver at all, but an alloy in use in China.

Q. When were the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution initiated?

The former was founded in 1890, and the latter in 1890.

Q. Is what is called by the name of glow worm, a worm?

The glow worm is not a worm. It is a beetle, the female of which never gets beyond the larva-like form. Her mate is a hard-shelled beetle not as luminous as his wife.

Q. Who can be naturalized as American citizens?

According to the Secretary of Labor, two races of people can be naturalized, viz., the Caucasians, or white race, and the African Negro. Our laws deny the privilege of naturalization to all other races and also bar immigrants from the people from the lands populated by these other races. That people from western and southern Asia and citizens of China and Japan are barred from the privileges of American citizenship.

Q. What is the American city sometimes referred to as "the City of Seven Hills"?

Richmond, Virginia. The city is also sometimes spoken of as "Modern Rome."

Q. What is the meaning of "quid pro quo"?

Giving one thing for another.

Q. What are "bulls" and "bears" in the stock market?

A "bull" is a stock exchange term for one who buys to sell again at a higher price before the time fixed for settlement. A "bear" is one who sells to buy again at a lower price before the time fixed for settlement.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of May, 1923, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at School House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. Tax Charges
Ralph Berry,	Homestead, Mill Hill,	18.00 1
William C. Chapin,	Capital Land, Grassy Hill,	37.50 1
Charles Coffey,	House and Lot on Lincoln Street,	1.75 1
Wm. George Felt,	Homestead of L. Littlefield,	23.00 1
Mrs. H. A. Gordin,	Homestead Farm,	78.00 1
Mrs. Harriet Russell,	Homestead Farm,	17.50 1
	Wheeler Meadow,	3.25 1
Harvey E. Littlefield,	Lot and Barn, Philbrook Ave.,	32.45 1
Rankings,	Field of D. C. Philbrook,	28.00 1
	Barn and Interest,	17.50 1
Walter May,	Home Homestead,	12.50 1
	George Homestead,	38.00 1
Mrs. L. M. Martin,	Homestead Farm,	49.00 1
George Osgood,	Homestead Farm,	31.25 1
Mrs. George Swenson,	Homestead Farm,	49.00 1
Paul H. Tidwell,	East Anna Farm,	31.50 1
Mr. Josiah Vanhook,	Homestead Farm,	218.00 1
Mike Vanhook,	Homestead Farm,	31.50 1
	Noting Lot,	3.50 1
Paul F. Verrill,	Homestead Farm,	42.00 1
Thomas R. Westlake,	Homestead Farm,	26.75 1

J. R. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

December 19, 1923.

function at its highest rate of efficiency in the interests of the country."

Q. How long did it take to build the Brooklyn Bridge and what was its cost, and its outstanding features?

The Brooklyn Bridge was begun in 1870; opened May 24, 1883. The Bridge up to 1911 has cost about \$22,500,000. It connects Brooklyn with Manhattan Island, and spans the East River. It is 5,337 feet long, and there is a clear roadway under it of 135 feet above highwater, permitting ocean steamers passage underneath. The total height of the towers above highwater is 278 feet.

Q. What is a Mugwump?

It is from an Indian word, signifying "Great Chief." It was a title given in 1851 to the Independents or seceders from the Republican party, who considered a change of administration necessary.

Q. Where did the Ku Klux Klan originate?

In the beginning it was a secret society formed in 1865 in the southern central States, for the purpose of intimidating Negro Republican voters.

Q. What is meant by "Peter's Pence"?

This was a tax of a penny on each house throughout England in Saxon times. The name of Peter-pence arose on its being collected on St. Peter's day. At first it was used chiefly for the support of an English college at Rome. Then the Pope shared the gift with the college, and finally appropriated the whole. The English was swept away in about 1531 and Peter's Pence then became a voluntary contribution raised among Catholics, and sent to the Pope for his private use and charities. The Pope has no stipulated salary.

Q. Is a notary public over commissioned as a Federal officer?

Yes, in the District of Columbia where all officials are Federal officials. The Commission of a notary public in the District of Columbia is signed by the President of the United States.

Q. What is a Phillistine?

Figuratively speaking it refers to commonplace, uncultured and prosaic people. Societies and individuals have accepted the word as a challenge and applied it to themselves to show how smart they could emerge out of the fog.

Q. What is the difference between a cascade and a cataract?

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NEWRY

Charles Robertson and family spent last Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Moore, at Bethel.

Wilfred Kilgore is at work for H. S. Hastings.

There was a Christmas tree and entertainment at Miss Chandler's school Monday afternoon.

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BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending December 22, 1923

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

There has been little of the anticipated holiday activity apparent on the Boston wholesale market for fruits and vegetables. California iceberg lettuce has been in a slump this week, selling generally at \$2.00-2.50 for fair to good quality. Some poor stock as low as \$1.00, and a few lots of extra fancy stock as high as \$3.50. Sweet potato supplies on track have been decreased but retailers and jobbers are demanding very few. Delaware bushel numbers sold this week 12-2.50, mostly \$2.25. The orange market has grown firmer for large size fancy stock but remains about steady for the smaller sizes. The price range for Florida crates has been \$1.75-2.25 for normal market 2-2.50 for best stock. Washington apples on the auction have moved fairly well at \$2.00 for all sizes. Onions continue very weak on the auctioned market in the face of liberal supplies. Heavy receipts of Spanish onions have contributed to the depression. Mass. Valley U. S. No. 1 Yellow Globe, 100 lb. sacks, all to fairly large have sold very slowly at \$1.75-2.75, few 12-13. New York market for large U. S. No. 1 Yellow varieties sold generally 12-2.25-2.75. Spanish 4 lb. crates continue to sell slowly \$1.00-1.50. Supplies of 2 1/2 lb. potatoes have decreased with a corresponding strengthening of the market. During the past few days U. S. No. 1 Green Mountains packed locally in 100 lb. sacks were firm at \$1.50-1.75, mostly \$1.70. Apples continue in liberal supply and almost as dull as usual. Main unclassified Baldwin 2 1/2 inch up sold hard at \$2.00-2.50. Cabbage supplies are plentiful including the new cabbage from Norfolk. Packed locally old stock has been selling generally \$1.00-1.50 for 100 lb. bags and \$2 for barrels.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Dressed poultry: Market firm with prices slightly higher. Turkeys have been in good demand and have cleaned up well, the best Oklahoma and Texas selling 25-35c with Minn. and western birds 27-30c. The advancing prices on turkeys have stimulated the demand for heavy fowl and heavy chickens, but medium and lighter fowl are going slow. Butter market rules firm with a fair demand for the better grades and a slight advance in price on some grades principally on the lower scores. Buyers however are conservative and are not buying much beyond immediate needs. 22 score 44c, 20-21 score 51-52c, 18-19 score 47-49c, 17 score 45c. Eggs: Market barely steady at this moment with prices lower on both fresh and storage. Fresh eggs not moving in any quantities as buyers are working on a hand to mouth basis. Storage eggs are hard to move and dealers in some quarters are inclined to share prices slightly in order to effect sales. Westerns: Extras 45-50c extra 40-45c, 40-45c extra 35-40c, 35-40c extra 30-35c, 30-35c extra 25-30c. Refrigerators: Extras 27-28c, 25-26c, 24-25c, 23-24c.

The first of the many surprises predicted in the so-called Aroostook, Me., bootlegging conspiracy cases, which began in the United States district court before Judge John A. Peters, came when Dist. Atty. Dyer of Portland moved for a nol prosequi of the indictment against Guy E. Crosby, deputy sheriff, jointly indicted with Sheriff Edmund Grant and Atty. W. S. Lewis of Houlton for conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act.

The Rev. John Hunt, widely known as the oldest college graduate, and oldest member of the Odd Fellows lodge, died at the Ohio Odd Fellows home at the age of 101. He was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1822. The Rev. Mr. Hunt was graduated from Brown University in 1842 and subsequently attended Newton Theological seminary at Philadelphia. He was ordained a Baptist minister and served churches in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont and Ohio.

Completing a 13,000 mile auto trip across the country, from Los Angeles to Charleston, Mass., Miss Elsie Radoy and Miss Gertrude Curran recently arrived at the latter's home. The girls worked their way by waiting on table and doing stenography. Five potato houses valued at about \$20,000, containing approximately 20,000 barrels of potatoes, valued at present market prices at \$13,750, were destroyed by fire in Crystal Station, Maine.

Much of the success of the Salem, Mass., High School debating team, which has been triumphant in its last nine contests stretching over a period of 15 months, can be traced to the presence of girls on the teams. Only recently the school engaged in a debate with the freshman team of Yale University and gained the two-to-one verdict of the judges. On the local team were two girls, and it was one of the best speakers of the evening he could hardly leave out either.

Archie Merrier, 17, the youngest bootlegger in Biddeford, Me., to be caught, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve two months and six additional months if he fails to pay his fine. Merrier was brought before Judge Shaw in Police Court on an illegal possession charge. He will serve his sentence. The boy told the police he was employed by a prominent bootlegger to sell four-ounce bottles of alcohol at \$1 a bottle, being allowed a commission of 25 cents a bottle. It is alleged that Merrier is not one of a number of boys and girls employed by bootleggers to peddle booze at bowling alleys and other places.

The general trend of mortality from tuberculosis continues downward. Massachusetts is one of 22 states reporting a decrease in 1922, as compared with 1921. There were 4113 deaths from the disease in Massachusetts in 1922, 4376 in 1921, and 4732 in 1922. The death rate from the disease was just under the average rate in 1922 and 1921 and more than three points under 1921, when the death rate in Massachusetts was 22.5 per 100,000, as compared with an average of 22.7.

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Items Gleaned From All Parts of New England

Electrification of railroads in Boston is petitioned for in a bill filed with the Legislature by the United Improvement Association.

The first thin ice accident reported in Maine this fall occurred at Woodland Junction. John Puplin, 14, was drowned while skating on St. Croix river.

John W. Leigh of Providence, R. I., is dead as a result of swallowing his false teeth in his sleep. He failed to survive an operation that was performed at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

After removing a pet fox terrier and a canary from the room in order that they might not lose their lives, Miss Emily Grindrod, 45, a mill worker, committed suicide by turning on the gas in the kitchen of her sister's home in New Bedford, Mass.

The annual report of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association, shows that the total membership, including all city branches, is 11,741, making the Boston association one of the largest in the world. During the year there were 16,273 different members.

Miss Marion Goodall, a junior of Salem, Mass., High School, has been honored with first prize for Massachusetts in a National essay contest conducted under the auspices of the American Legion. He essay was one of 18 submitted from Salem and it was considered the best in the State.

Dr. Charles A. Palmer ended his life by shooting in the home of a relative in Bath, Me., where he and Mrs. Palmer had been living since he retired from active practice in Brunswick, Me., two years ago. He had never fully recovered from a nervous breakdown about 10 years ago.

William Graeme, who escaped from Plymouth, Mass., House of Correction was arrested in Rockland, Mass. He returned quietly to jail for he had had a last look at the body of his daughter 12 weeks old. When he had seen the child and assured him that she had good care he returned to prison.

Charles M. Bunker, Brookline, Mass., manufacturer, has liabilities of \$7675, and assets of four cents, according to his figures in a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The four-cent item represents "deposits in banks." It lies safely in the keeping of the Fourth Atlantic National Bank of Boston.

For the first time in Maine Courts, motion pictures were used as exhibits, during trial of the claim of five Ellsworth men for salvage money because of their rescue of three yachts which were swept away in the flood of the Union river, May 2. The pictures were taken at the time for news purposes.

The sedan automobile stolen from the garage of Myer Ornstein, of Haverhill, Mass., on the night of Dec. 3, has been recovered in Somerset, Ky., according to a telegram received by City Marshal Thomas A. Rollins. The telegram also states the police have under arrest for larceny of the car two young men giving the names of Ralph Posa and Leslie Wakefield.

An indeterminate sentence in the Massachusetts reformatory was imposed by Judge Heady in district court, Springfield on Harry George Jakis, former teller of the Atlas Trust Company, who recently ended 10 months of wandering as a hunted man by returning to Springfield and surrendering himself, confessing to the theft of \$11,611 of trust company funds.

Many Christmas trees cut in the spruce moth-infested areas of New England, principally Vermont, shipped into Canada and brought back to this country by way of Detroit and sold as Canadian trees to avoid state embargoes. This is according to information in possession of the federal horticultural board, which will hold a public hearing Jan. 4 to consider steps to prevent this practice during the Christmas season of 1924.

The Association of Massachusetts Assessors, in annual meeting in the Boston City Club, went on record as favoring legislation for taxation of automobiles similar to the method in vogue in New Hampshire, which means payment of the tax on machines when they are registered. The organization favored removal of exemption from taxation of machinery not used in manufacturing and compulsory filing of statement of tangible property last year the attorney-general declared the proposed automobile taxation law would be unconstitutional, so this year the organization plans a different course.

The Bar State Rifle Range at the Wakefield, Mass. line, may be bought by the state as a rifle training ground for the Massachusetts National Guard. Col. Albert P. Gray of the 13th Infantry, Maj. Charles C. Stanfield of the ordnance department and Col. John P. Osborne of the 1st Infantry have been named by the adjutant-general in report on available locations for a rifle range and the Bar State range, now on the market, is the only one of sufficient size located within the desired distance of 27.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WBZ
Springfield, Mass.
337 Meters—890 Kilocycles

THURSDAY

A. M.
11.55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports

P. M.
7.30 Twilight tales for the Kiddies
Farmers' Period—Letter from the New England Homestead
8.00 Concert by Gertrude M. Clifford, soprano; Gustav LaZazzera, cellist; Mrs. Eleanor Turner LaZazzera, accompanist
Violin solo, selected
Gustav LaZazzera
Soprano solo, "O Holy Night" Adams

Miss Clifford
Violin solo, selected
Gustav LaZazzera
Soprano solo, "A Little Dutch Garden" Loomis
Miss Clifford
Violin solo, selected
Gustav LaZazzera
Soprano group
(a) "The Last Rose of Summer"
(b) "Old Folks at Home"
Miss Clifford
Violin solo, selected
Gustav LaZazzera
Soprano solo, "All for You" d'Hardelot
Miss Clifford
Violin solo, selected
Gustav LaZazzera
Soprano solo, "Will O' the Wisp" Spross

Miss Clifford
9.00 Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9.55 Arlington Time Signals (Eastern Standard Time)

FRIDAY

A. M.
11.55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports

P. M.
6.00 Dinner concert by the WBZ Quintette
"Dance of the Haydresses"
Robinson
"Wanderer's Ziel" (Overture) Sapp
Intermezzo "Arlene Suite" Bittel
Mazurka "Coppelia" Delibes
"Swing Song" Barnes
"Kiss Waltz" Arditi
"I'm a Loner" for You" Hathaway

"Florida Carnival Venetian"
Roxas
"Taratella" Borgmeier
Gonsou
7.00 "The Strange Cargo of The Little Melicon," a dramatized story prepared by the Youth's Companion
7.30 Twilight tales for the Kiddies
Current Book Review by R. A. MacDonald of the Court Square Book Store
7.50 Farmers' Period—"A Better New Year," by Howard W. Selby, General Manager of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange

9.25 Arlington Time Signals
11.00 Program of Chamber Music by the WBZ Quintette; Melva Holmes, soprano; Mrs. Eleanor Turner LaZazzera, accompanist; Mrs. William F. Larsen, reader
"Extremities Waltz" Waldteufel
WBZ Quintette
Soprano solo, "It is Only a Tiny Garden" Wood
Reading, "A Right Sweet Case" Sampson
Mrs. Larsen
Soprano group
(a) "At Dawning"
(b) "Annie Laurie"
Caden
(with WBZ Quintette obligato)
Melva Holmes
Soprano group
(a) "Daddy's Sweetheart"
(b) "Pat"
Lehman
Sander
Melva Holmes
"Grande Marche Part I" from "Mazur"
Massenet
WBZ Quintette
Soprano solo, "There is a Home"
Crawshawfield
Melva Holmes
Reading, "The Bird's First Call at the Butcher's"
Mrs. Larsen
Soprano solo, "For You Alone"
(with obligato by Gustav)
Mosterly
Gosch
Melva Holmes
Readings
"At the Movies"
"The Primrose School"
Mrs. Larsen
"Kathleen MacAvra"
WBZ Quintette
Soprano group
(a) "Prayer Perfect"
(b) "Come Out Mister Sun"
Shaw
Melva Holmes
"Serenade"
WBZ Quintette
(Eastern Standard Time)

SATURDAY

A. M.
11.55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports

P. M.
7.00 Dinner concert by the Hotel Kimball Trio direct from the Hotel Kimball dining room; Jan Geerts, violinist and director; Angela, Godard Loneragan, cellist; Paul Lawrence, pianist.
7.30 Twilight tales for the Kiddies
"Bringing the World to America," prepared by "Our World Magazine"
8.00 Concert by Rose W. Greenleaf, pianist; Norman Dash, baritone; Dudley Sillsby, tenor; Norman Dash, Jr., accompanist; Nora Gladden Winton, contralto; Mrs. Miriam Maynard Thomson, accompanist
9.00 Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9.55 Arlington Time Signals (Eastern Standard Time)

ANDOVER

Annie and Ellen Akers were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith. Miss Annie O'Leary from Mexico is a guest in the home of Mrs. Clayton Sweett.

About two inches of snow fell Sunday night which was most welcome to the lumber men.

Ray Thurston is cutting the pine on the farm of Sidney Abbott.

The King's Daughters met Thursday with Mrs. C. A. Bani. Ten members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Pratt, Thursday, Jan. 3, and it will be election of officers.

Mrs. Charles Roberts is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. John Milledge, at Rumford.

The King's Daughters carried boxes of fruit and confectionery to the students on Christmas.

Miss Doris Jones of Mexico will teach the South Andover school this term. All schools in town will reopen Monday, Dec. 31.

Miss Treasa Milton is home from Boston University where she is attending school.

Miss Doris Ripley, who is attending school at Tufts College, Medford, Mass., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ripley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Learned and children were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Glover.

Mrs. Bert Fear has been quite ill the past week.

Edwin Morton sawed his hand at the speed mill-Friday which required five stitches to close the wound.

Following is the program for the Christmas concert of the Congregation of Church, Sunday School on Monday evening:

Voluntary
Chorus
Responsive Reading
By the Pastor
School
Henry Perkins
Montana Thomas
Roberta Thurston
Class No. 5
Guy Akers
Prayer,
Singing,
Recitation,
Song,
Recitation,
Exercise,
Recitation,
Remarks by the Pastor
Dialogues, Doris Marston, Marie Morgan
Exercise,
Singing,
Recitations, Constance Thomas, Prinda Hall, Adelbert Thurston
Song,
Song,
Offering
Recitations, Cecelia Kwoot, Carollee Thomas, Mildred Benis
Singing,
Song, "Joy To The World"
Christmas Tree, Distribution of Gifts
Mr. and Mrs. George Glover from Durham were Christmas guests of his sister, Mrs. Vera Perkins.
Mr. George E. Allen of Middle Dam, for many years an employee of the

KEMP'S BALSAM



Don't cough! cough! cough!

Union Water Power Company, died Friday at the O. M. G. Hospital, where he had been treated since November 19. He was 63 years old. A wife, two sons and two daughters survive. The burial was made in the family lot at Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, Monday.

You can avoid many subscription troubles by ordering with Carl Brown, agent for all magazines and newspapers, Bethel, Maine.

WE wish to thank all of our customers for their generous patronage this season, and wish all a Happy New Year.

We find many Broken Lots and Odd Lots of Goods that we wish to Close Out at Once, therefore we will have a

THREE DAYS SALE

DEC. 27, 28 and 29
BIG BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

Store will be closed Jan. 1st and 2nd for the purpose of taking account of stock.

ROWE'S, BETHEL, MAINE

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

New Touring Car

Looking at the new touring car from the side, you are at once favorably impressed with the effect of longer, more graceful lines secured by enlarging the cowl and raising the radiator.

Shielding windshield and one-man top lend material aid in giving the entire car a lower, more stylish appearance.

An apron connecting the radiator with the fender skirts is also a decided improvement.

A comfort feature much appreciated by owners, is the additional leg room provided by the enlargement of the cowl.

Allow us to show you the entire line of new Ford cars now on display in our show room.

These cars can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

HERRICK BROS. CO.
BETHEL, ME.

Ford

CARS • TRUCKS • TRACTORS

L. F. PIKE CO.

Men's Clothing Stores

Heavy Winter Clothing

Are you fully stocked with the proper clothing to be comfortable? Because snow and cold have been late in coming, they will finally come with a vengeance.

Our Two Stores Are Fully Stocked
and we are confident our prices and selections will meet your approval.

If the travelling is such or it is not convenient for you to visit personally our stores, we shall be very glad to give careful and prompt attention to any mail or telephone orders.

The parcel post is a great convenience to our customers and ourselves in sending goods on approval. Try it and see if it does not pay you.

NORWAY BLUE STORES SOUTH PARIS

